



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Public Benefits Program – Amendments to the existing 'City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership Program'

MEETING DATE: November 15, 2000

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council amend the existing City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership Program, to extend this program through the calendar year 2001, or until appropriated funds are exhausted, and to eliminate one existing element of the program as of January 1, 2001.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In May of 1999, the City Council approved the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership. The program, as originally approved, provides commercial customers on a G-1 electric utility rate, a dollar-for-dollar rebate of up to \$500 for the purchase and installation of various energy conservation measures. Those specific measures include: lighting retrofits, shade screens & awning covers, window tinting, ceiling fans & attic ventilators, insulation & weather-stripping, special projects (such as major HVAC system replacements or upgrades), and HVAC/refrigeration diagnostic & preventative maintenance service. In addition, as approved in May of 1999, the program has a sunset date of December 31, 2000.

It is recommended by Electric Utility staff, that the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership be extended beyond December 31, 2000, into the new calendar year 2001, and be available to the eligible commercial customers (those customers on a G-1 electric utility rate) until funds are exhausted.

Additionally, Electric Utility staff recommends eliminating one (1) energy conservation measure from the current program: lighting retrofits. By January 2001, a new program (funded through the city's Public Benefits Program) will be presented to the City Council for approval. This new program will be specifically designed for small business customers in Lodi that are desirous of implementing energy efficient lighting technology. Due mostly to the fact that lighting constitutes 40 percent or more of a small business customer's annual utility bill, Electric Utility staff is developing a program solely devoted to energy efficient lighting.

After reviewing the existing City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership Program at length, Electric Utility respectfully recommends approval of these amendments.

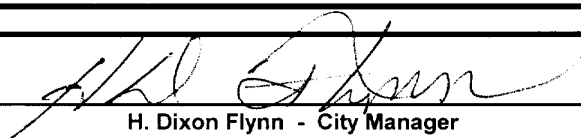
FUNDING: Not Applicable


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APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE
CITY OF LODI SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY SERVICES
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BY EXTENDING THIS PROGRAM
THROUGH CALENDAR YEAR 2001 OR UNTIL APPROPRIATED
FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED, AND ELIMINATING LIGHTING
RETROFITS FROM THIS PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the State has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, in May 1999, the City Council approved the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership, which provides commercial customers on a G-1 electric utility rate, a dollar-for-dollar rebate of up to \$500 for the purchase and installation of various energy conservation measures. Those specific measures include lighting retrofits, shade screens and awning covers, window tinting, ceiling fans and attic ventilators, insulation and weather-stripping, special projects such as major HVAC system replacements or upgrades, and HVAC/refrigeration diagnostic and preventative maintenance service; and

WHEREAS, this program has a sunset date of December 31, 2000, and the Electric Utility staff recommends that the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership be extended through calendar year 2001 or until appropriated funds are exhausted; and

WHEREAS, staff is currently developing a program solely devoted to energy efficient lighting which will be presented to the City Council for approval by January 2001, and therefore Electric Utility staff recommends that one energy conservation measure, lighting retrofits, be eliminated from the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby amends the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership Program by extending this program through calendar year 2001 or until appropriated funds are exhausted; and

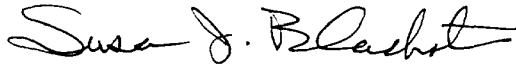
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that lighting retrofits be eliminated from the City of Lodi Small Business Energy Services Partnership program.

Dated: November 15, 2000

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-198 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held November 15, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Nakanishi, Pennino and Mayor Mann
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk